

North Tamerton Parish Council

Monday 16th June 2025

The meeting of North Tamerton Parish Council was held on the above date at 7:30pm, in Victory Hall.

Councillors Present:

Chair Cllr B Harper, Cllr S Harper, Cllr Whitmill, Cllr Wallace.

Also in attendance: Clerk Julie Gray.

4 members of the public were present for the meeting.

Cllr B Harper opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. An objection was made to the meeting being held as the agenda had not been published in the noticeboard. As the agenda had been published on the Parish Council's website in the required time limits it was unanimously decided to continue with the meeting.

Record and Approve Apologies.

6.25/25:

Cllr Willetts sent his apologies.

Confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

6.25/26:

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes and ratify all decisions made at the meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025. The Chair, Cllr B Harper, signed them as a correct record.

Declarations.

6.25/27:

- (i) There were no declarations.

Dispensations.

6.25/28:

- (i) There were no dispensation requests.

Matters Arising.

6.25/29:

- (i) The Clerk has sent off the register of interest forms that she received from Councillors.
- (ii) The audit paperwork has been uploaded to the Council website and the Certificate of Exemption has been sent to the external auditor.

Public Participation.

6.25/30:

A member of the public commented on Agenda Item 9: Planning. He stated that historical significance should be considered when viewing the application. Cllr S Harper pointed out that members of the public can comment on a planning application on the Cornwall Council website. It was also stated that the application was approved before it came to the Parish Council. The Clerk pointed out that the application could have come before the Council months ago and it was now reporting on the final decision. The Clerk will check that this did not bypass the Parish Council.

Signed: _____ Chairman. 21/07/2025

Report from Cornwall Councillor.

6.25/31:

Cllr Chopak sent her apologies.

Correspondence.

6.25/32: – all correspondence circulated via email.

- (i) Keeping Cornwall Updated.
- (ii) Register of Interests Reminder.
- (iii) Street Trading Policy Review.
- (iv) Speed Limit Meeting.

Cllr B Harper and Cllr Whitmill attended a speed limit meeting with Highways and two Councillors from Launcells Parish Council. The government are rolling out 20mph limits in some areas across the nation and it was decided that North Tamerton would not be one of those. It was agreed that a site meeting would be considered to view the road and the police will have a look at the traffic speed also. The hedges that are impeding traffic will be looked at. There is also an online tool to report any highway issues at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>. There is a 'report it' link on the Parish Council's website also to report any issues.

Planning.

6.25/33:

a) Decision Notices/Updates:

- (i) PA25/01334 | Non material amendment in relation to Decision Notice PA23/07493 dated 15/11/23 - Change from 3 bedroom to 2 bedroom with no alterations to exterior from existing and no use of loft or change to roofline | North Tamerton Methodist Chapel North Tamerton Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6RZ.
APPROVED.
- (ii) PA25//01180 | Extensions and alterations | Trebarrow North Tamerton Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6TE.
APPROVED.

b) Planning Applications/Appeals:

Any late planning applications received will be discussed but not decided under this section.

- (i) PA25/03491 | Listed building consent following the recent partial collapse of the cob south gable wall of the shippon, a further structural survey has highlighted that other areas of this building are at acute risk of failure. A series of conservation led repairs to the fabric is proposed to prevent further collapses, loss of historic fabric and safety risks to the tenants using part of the first floor and the external areas | Well Farm North Tamerton Holsworthy Cornwall EX22 6RX.

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

To receive oral or written reports and authorise any action.

6.25/34:

- a) Chairman / Councillor.

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Cllr B Harper attended the Community Area Partnership (CAP) meeting. This is formed of 26 parishes and Cllr Chopak was elected Chair and Cllr Whittle, from Launcells Parish Council, was elected Vice-chair. Cllr B Harper was elected on to the Funding Committee. The CAP meeting is attended by Cornwall Councillors and Parish Councillors and there are good debates on a number of issues. There was a Primary Care presentation. The Police Chief was in attendance and reported there are 26k residents in North Cornwall and there were 52 burglaries in the first quarter. Cllr Harper discussed transport with the Transport member and was informed that public bus funding is mainly used around Truro and there needs to be a push to distribute funding into North Cornwall. Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) were discussed. CIL is a charge that authorities can impose on new developments to help fund infrastructure projects. These projects can include things like schools, transport improvements, and community facilities. 15% of the payment is given to the Parish Council the development is in and 25% is given if there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

The flower boxes by the North Tamerton signs were planted with perennials.

b) The Clerk.

Cybercrime and Scams are on the increase and in response to this Devon and Cornwall Police have a dedicated Cyber Protect Officers in place. Their role is very much like a Crime Prevention Officer. They deliver face-to face Cybercrime awareness presentations and these talks are designed to increase public awareness of Cybercrime. This shall be added to the agenda for next month.

Councillors Portfolio Review.

6.25/35:

Councillor Portfolio	Name of Councillor
Communications	Cllr Channing
Community Area Partnership	Cllr B Harper
Enforcement	Cllr B Harper
Finance	Cllr B Harper
Legislation compliance	Cllr Willetts
Planning	Cllr S Harper
Transport / roads	Cllr Whitmill

Meeting Dates.

6.25/36:

This year's meetings are to be held every 2 months from July on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

Highways.

6.25/37:

Cllr Whitmill is in the process of talking to Devon Council concerning the Tamar Way trail. The backroad from Boyton has had near misses with walkers and this way may be safer with the hedges cut.

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Code of Conduct.

6.25/38:

The Council is legally required to adopt a code of conduct. The Code of Conduct requires training to be undertaken on the code within 6 months of a member taking office.

The Clerk will contact North Petherwin to enquire about joining a training session with them.

Illegal Encampments.

6.25/39:

CLlr B Harper will contact Cornwall Council to determine the status of the two encampments in North Tamerton.

Banking Mandate.

6.25/40:

It was resolved that the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories.

And the current mandate will continue as amended.

It was proposed by CLlr B Harper that CLlr B Harper and CLlr Willetts both be added as a signatory; the previous 2 Councillors will be removed. Seconded CLlr Whitmill. Unanimous.

Insurance renewal.

6.25/41:

The Clerk spoke to the insurance agent and items are covered. The Clerk renewed the insurance.

The Clerk will request from North Petherwin that the Cup be returned in order for it to be valued.

Community Benefit Fund Review.

6.25/42:

The Parish Hall made a Community Benefit Fund application for a mower and two strimmer. The volunteers have been using their own equipment. The applicant supplied three quotes and discussed why they had preferred the one used. This equipment can be used by other groups such as the Churchyard Committee and they were also consulted concerning the equipment.

It was unanimously agreed to grant the amount requested from the Community Benefit Fund.

Parish Matters.

6.25/43:

a) Use of Facilities and Foot Traffic.

The Parish Hall was asked to consider what was required as there may be funding available from Cornwall and Devon Council. It is proposed that the Councillors will take turns attending the Parish Hall meeting rather than appoint a Councillor to take a position on the Committee. CLlr B Harper will attend the next meeting.

b) Information Board

This is deferred until after CLlr Whitmill has spoken to those responsible for Tamar Way.

c) Planters

It was unanimously agreed to purchase plants for the planters and for the payment to be added to the payment list.

d) Defibrillator

This was deferred.

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Co-Option of Councillor

6.25/44:

The Parish Council has two vacancies. One is able to be co-opted immediately and the other will be advertised after 24th June once the vacancy notice has expired. The Council received an application for the vacancy and has also received an expression of interest for the other. The applicant's email was circulated to the Councillors. The applicant spoke at the meeting and was available for questions. The applicant left the room and it was proposed by Cllr B Harper that the applicant be co-opted on to the Parish Council. Seconded Cllr Whitmill. Unanimous. Richard Risdon was co-opted on to the Council and will join the meeting next week.

Finance & Legislation.

6.25/45:

- a) Ratification of payments totalling £389.48 as per May-June schedule plus £67.94 for the plants for the planter and £4,750 CBF application. It was unanimously resolved to ratify the payments.
- b) To note Bank reconciliations at 1/06/25 of £5,687.44 and £28,373.95.
- c) To note Income & Bank Balances as per the schedule and reconciliations.

To receive comments and ideas on parish matters not on the agenda and urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only or any items for further discussion at the next available meeting.

6.25/46:

It was asked as to whom was responsible for the hedge around the car park. Cllr B Harper believes the Parish Council is.

The tree near the Parish Hall is interfering with the cables. The Clerk will alert Western Power.

The tree branches are overhanging the pavement. Cllr B Harper will discuss the tree with a tree surgeon. The steps near the tree leading to the path at the back of the village hall is in darkness at night and is a tripping hazard, as the light does not reach that area. It is advised that people report it to Cornwall Council. The Clerk will also report this. There is a link on the Parish Council website to report issues to Cornwall Council.

Date of next meeting.

6.25/47:

21st July 2025 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6)

During the meeting it may arise that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public will be instructed to withdraw.

When this arises, the Chair will recommend to consider passing the following resolution: "to resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be discussed, the public are excluded and instructed to withdraw."

Signed: _____ Chairman. 21/07/2025